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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING ON ARGENTINA

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2. IN LIGHT OF THE ASSURANCES GIVEN TO DEPARTMENT BY
 AMBASSADOR AJA ESPI, IT IS INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT FOR
 US TO RECEIVE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON A MORE CURRENT
 BASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN ARGENTINA. TO
 MEET THIS PRESSING NEED, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO
 STRUCTURE ITS FUTURE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING ALONG THE
 FOLLOWING LINES:

A. SPOT REPORTING: EMBASSY SHOULD REPORT TELEGRAPHICALLY
 ALL SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS AREA AS INFORMATION
 BECOMES AVAILABLE. SUCH SPOT REPORTS SHOULD COVER
 REPORTED DISAPPEARANCES, REPORTS OF FUTURE, GOA ACTIONS
 DEALING WITH POLITICAL PRISONERS (RELEASES, TRANSFERS

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FROM PEN TO NORMAL JUDICIAL AUTHORITY, MOVEMENTS OF
 DETAINEES WITHIN PRISON SYSTEM, PRISON CONDITIONS, AND
 RIGHT OF OPTION DEVELOPMENTS) AND ANY OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN
 OR PLANNED BY GOA. SPOT REPORTS SHOULD PROVIDE AS MUCH

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AS IS AVAILABLE AND ASSIGN TO EACH
 REPORTED EVENT AN APPROPRIATE DESIGNATION OF RELIABILITY
 OF THE INFORMATION ON WHICH IT IS BASED.

B. WEEKLY ROUND-UP: THE EMBASSY SHOULD INITIATE A BRIEF
 WEEKLY ROUND-UP ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS AND
 SCHEDULE PREPARATION OF THE REPORTS SO THAT THEY ARRIVE
 IN THE DEPARTMENT EACH FRIDAY AT OPENING OF BUSINESS.
 THE WEEKLY ROUND-UP SHOULD REPORT TRENDS IN HUMAN
 RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE GOA SUCH AS STEPS TAKEN
 TO CONTROL THE SECURITY SERVICES, AND THE MILITARY,
 SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL COMMENTARY ON THE ISSUE AND PRESS
 TREATMENT. DEVELOPMENTS BEARING ON U.S.-ARGENTINE
 RELATIONS SHOULD BE ANALYZED IN THIS REPORT. FIRST
 REPORT OF THESE SERIES SHOULD ARRIVE APRIL 6.

C. SIX WEEK ASSESSMENT: THE EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE
 TO PROVIDE THIS ANALYSIS OF LONGER TERM TRENDS.

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2. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT THESE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS MAY STRAIN EMBASSY'S RESOURCES. IT IS ESSENTIAL, HOWEVER, THAT WE HAVE TIMELY AND EXHAUSTIVE REPORTING ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN A FORM READILY ACCESSIBLE TO ALL END-USERS AND ESTABLISHES A CLEAR EVALUATION FOR US ON THE RELIABILITY OF INFORMATION REPORTED. VANCE

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